

SECRET SLAYERS SLAY MISTRESS

Confesses Aged Widow of Millionaire Died When They Demanded Gems

JEWELS WORTH \$500,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Mrs. Elizabeth Griggs Nichols, aged widow of a millionaire...

The thieves set upon the aged woman, demanding the location of the box and its key...

Forty detectives are scouring pawnshops for 15,000 in diamond rings...

It was the regular night off of Ernest Walters, the butler, and there was no man in the house but Tallis.

It was common gossip among the servants that Mrs. Nichols kept her fortune in gems in a strong box in the house.

That part of the confession of the footman, Annie Tallis, given out by the inspector was to the effect that one of the three robbers was Arthur Walters, a Finn, whose real name is Edimar, who was discharged as second butler by Mrs. Nichols about five weeks ago.

Walters, according to the alleged confession, needed money, and kept begging Tallis to allow him and some other men to enter the house and rob Mrs. Nichols.

They did not intend to do Mrs. Nichols any harm, it is a statement attributed to Tallis, "I guess she dropped asleep when the men came down stairs and went out they passed the room where Edith and I were, but they said nothing about Mrs. Nichols being dead."

That the robbers did not get the \$500,000 in jewelry was first made known today by Miss Fred F. Griggs, nephew and lawyer of the murdered woman...

It was impossible to tell before an autopsy whether Mrs. Nichols died from strangulation or from shock. The murderer, committed so boldly in a fashionable part of New York, created a tremendous sensation.

The large five-story dwelling in next door to the corner of 5th avenue. On its corner is the home of Isaac D. Fletcher, which is closed, and through which one of the murderers is believed to have reached the Nichols home.

A policeman, hearing the maid's cries, discovered the murder.

Instead of reporting to police headquarters at once, this policeman sent to Flower Hospital for an ambulance and much time was lost.

The coroner's office notified police headquarters and quick action followed.

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DR. DUMBA MUST GO

Justice Department Investigating Offenses of Envoy and Archibald

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Decisive action that will satisfy the American people will be taken in the case of Dr. Constantin Dumba...

The questions involved in this case are so serious in their effect on the relations between this Government and the Austro-Hungarian Empire...

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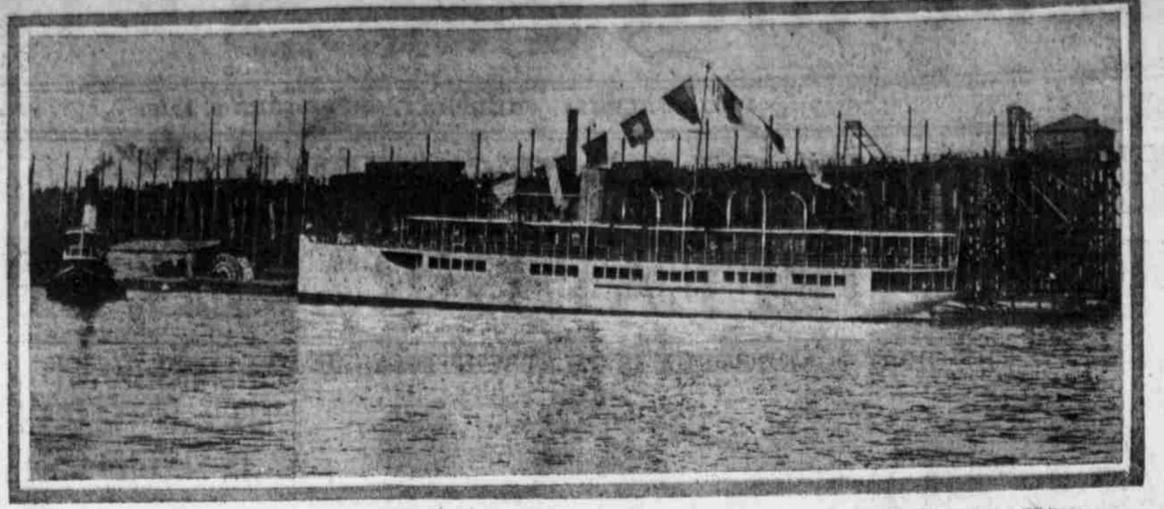
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LUXURIOUS YACHT BUILT HERE FOR NEW YORKER SLIDES INTO DELAWARE



The Whiteaway is 175 Feet long, and when complete will have cost about \$250,000. She was built by Cramp's for Harry Payne Whitney.

DAUGHTER CHRISTENS WHITNEY'S NEW YACHT

"Soak Her!" Says Harry Payne. Flora Smashes Wine on \$250,000 Craft

"Soak her, Flora!" cried Harry Payne Whitney, a New York millionaire, to his daughter, Miss Flora Payne Whitney, at Cramp's Shipyard, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon...

The launching was pronounced one of the most successful ever seen at the shipyard. The christening party arrived from New York shortly before noon and went immediately to the scene of the launching.

The yacht was designed by Cox & Stevens, of New York. The length of the boat over all is 177 feet. It has a 240-foot beam and a draft of 7 feet. Its power is 170 horse power.

On account of her great beam and length her accommodations exceed those usually found in the large sea-going steam yachts.

The members of Mr. Whitney's christening party from New York included S. A. Clark, F. M. Warrick, Lawrence Waterbury, Eugene Hale, Jr., son of former United States Senator Hale; Miss Flora Payne Whitney, her sister, Miss Barbara Whitney; C. V. Whitney, brother of the owner of the yacht; Stewart Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hand and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor.

Clarke Thomson Flies Son of Former President of P. R. R. Tries Out His New Flying Boat

Clarke Thomson, of Merion, Pa., son of former President Frank Thomson, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and an official of the Aero Club, of Philadelphia, made his first flight today in his new 100-horsepower Curtiss flying boat at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Heat Kills One Man; Three Prostrated Relief Not in Sight, Say Weathermen, as Mercury Soars

One death and three prostrations resulted today from the intense heat. At 3 o'clock the temperature was 92. The humidity was 85.

There is no prospect of immediate relief from these conditions, in the opinion of the Weather Bureau officials.

Michael Dute, 37 years old, of 301 Newcomb street, died in the St. Luke's Hospital early today, after being brought from the Nicotown Plate Washer Works, Clarissa and Junata streets, where he was overcome by heat last night.

Robert Childs, 62 years old, 462 Franklin street, was overcome by heat at 11th and Ogden streets and was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital. William Wood, 315 Bamberg street, was prostrated at 3d street and Ridge avenue, and was taken to the Northwestern General Hospital for treatment.

The temperature had reached the 90-degree mark at 11 o'clock and an hour later was just topping the 91-degree line. The maximum temperature was reached at 3 o'clock, when the mercury went to 92. The mercury dropped to 81 at 5 o'clock and remained there until 5 o'clock, when it stood at 90.

The coolest temperature recorded today was at 5 a. m., when the thermometer registered 70 degrees. The rise was rapid, however, and by 3 o'clock it showed 91 degrees.

The worst feature of the weather today is that there is practically no breeze. At 8 o'clock the wind registered only two miles an hour, and by noon it had risen to only six miles an hour.

Last year September 9 was notable for an exceedingly low temperature, the maximum for the day being only 61 degrees. Beginning with September 7, last year, however, the temperature shot up to 92 degrees and remained there for several days.

QUICK NEWS

ALLIES' COMMISSION TO SEEK \$500,000,000 CREDIT IN U. S. NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The commission of British and French financial experts, whose mission to this country involves the creation of a credit of \$500,000,000, or possibly even \$750,000,000, is due to arrive late today on the White Star liner Lapland.

GERMANY APOLOGIZES FOR SINKING DANISH SHIP LONDON, Sept. 8.—The German Government has apologized to Denmark for the sinking by a German submarine on June 2 of the Danish schooner Salvador. Germany, according to the correspondent, stated that the Salvador was destroyed by mistake, and offered to indemnify her owners.

GERMANS OFFER 15 CENTS FOR AMERICAN COTTON BERLIN, Sept. 8.—The Deutsche, Dresdener and Disconto Banks of Berlin and the National Bank of Bremen, the underwriters of the recently formed syndicate for the purchase of cotton for Germany and Austria, on August 31 sent a wireless to the German Consul at New York offering to buy 1,000,000 bales of cotton at 15 cents a pound, on delivery in a German harbor.

VATICAN DELUGED WITH APPEALS FOR PEACE ACTION ROME, Sept. 8.—Despite statements coming from many quarters that peace at the present moment is impossible because it would be advantageous to Germany, there is evidently throughout the world a large number of persons who believe that a cessation of the conflict is only possible through the mediation of America as urged by the Pope.

LUSITANIA PERJURER SENTENCED TO ATLANTA PENITENTIARY NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Gustav Stahl, the German reserivist, who pleaded guilty yesterday to perjury in making statements that the liner Lusitania was armed, was sentenced today by Federal Judge Hough to one year and six months in the Atlanta Penitentiary.

BERLIN REGRETS ATTACK ON DUTCH SHIP AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—The German Government has expressed official regret for an aerial attack March 23 on the Dutch trawler Hibernala, which, it says, was unintentional.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE BRINGS RECONCILIATION Young Widow Who Took Poison Reunited to Her Estranged Family

Mrs. Ethel Billings, the attractive 21-year-old widow who made three attempts to commit suicide in Fairmount Park on Monday, is in the Presbyterian Hospital today, happier than she has been for several years.

ARABIC NOTE RECEIVED; RAIDER FEARED ATTACK Berlin Asserts Submarine Commander Feared He Would Be Ramméd

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Secretary of State Lansing announced this afternoon that the German note on the Arabic case, handed Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, had been received by the State Department. It has not all been decoded, he said.

W. C. T. U. Speakers Address Soldiers WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 8.—Good attendance marked the New Castle County W. C. T. U. Institute, held at Delaware City today.

WOMAN HELPS POLICE CATCH COUNTERFEITER Rooming-House Keeper Tells Suspicions to Police—Lodger Nabbed With Coins

The police of the 18th and Locust streets station thwarted the plans of a gang of counterfeiters to flood the city with money of their own make today.

The alleged leader of the gang, Samuel Popas, was arrested and taken to City Hall this morning.

Popas, when arraigned before Commissioner Long in the Federal Building this afternoon, confessed that he had passed bogus coins in Pittsburgh, Baltimore and St. Louis.

It is believed that the gang worked with a number of foreign women in the downtown section of the city who distributed the money in the small stores.

Popas got rid of a large number of the half dollars by making five-cent purchases in various sections. Hundreds of dimes were distributed in crap games, in the southern part of the city.

The counterfeiters made 75 Popas, police say, have the appearance of real coins and ring true. The producer is a Greek. A pal of his was arrested in St. Louis, the police say; a five-week ago.

HUGH BLACK'S CLUB BALKS AT SMITH

Rejects Bosses' Candidate and Comes Within Three Votes of Indorsing Porter

The Young Men's Republican Club of the 36th Ward, of which ex-Receiver of Taxes Hugh Black has been president since it was organized, 23 years ago, last night went on record as refusing to indorse Thomas B. Smith, the Organization's "harmony" candidate for Mayor, and a lack of three votes prevented an indorsement of Director George D. Porter.

The club met at its headquarters, 24th and Walnut streets, and the question of indorsing Smith was immediately taken up. A motion to indorse the "harmony" candidate failed. On a motion to indorse Porter, the vote was 22 for and 3 against.

Under the by-laws, a unanimous vote is necessary before the club can indorse any candidate, so the indorsement of Porter failed. Hugh Black was present but did not vote.

Simon Collins was elected president to succeed Hugh Black. Collins voted to indorse Porter. John Biecher, ex-Common Councilman from the 36th Ward, also voted to indorse the Director.

The Washington party committee of the 36th Ward also indorsed Porter last night. It indorsed Porter two weeks ago, but reversed its action last night, and unanimously indorsed Porter for the Washington party nomination.

SUSPECTS IN MURDER CASE HELD AS GHOULS Brothers Admit Robbing Body in Quarry, but Deny All Else

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 8.—A formal accusation of robbing the dead was made today against John and Frank Mack, the brothers arrested yesterday on suspicion of having murdered W. Harold Lichtenwalder, whose body was found in the Siegenfus quarry three weeks ago.

At the time of the finding of the body by a boy it was supposed he had committed suicide, but his mother furnished evidence which led to the arrest of the Macks.

They admit only that Frank Mack found the body in the quarry and robbed it of a watch, money and jewelry. For the loot William Mack got \$100 in the pawnshop, while a reward of \$50 was out for information as to the youth, dead or alive.

The officers admit that they have no direct evidence that the Macks killed young Lichtenwalder, but District Attorney Rupp has given orders that nothing be left undone to get evidence justifying the murder charge.

Secretary Lansing later said that the German note substantiated the German submarine commander's charge that he believed his craft was about to be rammed by the liner Arabic. That was the reason that he torpedoed the vessel, Secretary Lansing said the note stated.

WILL TURN FIRST SUBWAY DIRT The silver-mounted pick and shovel shown here will be used by Mayor Blankenship in the ceremonies officially starting work on the transit system, next Saturday.



SUFFRAGISTS PUZZLE BY ARTICLE ON CAUSE

Difference of Opinion as to Just Where Former President Stands on Issue—Accused of Attempt to 'Straddle'

CRITICISE IDEA OF DELAY "Not Yet, but Soon" Attitude Labeled as Usual Expression of an Ultra Conservative

Gratification and elation and some little dissatisfaction, too, at former President William Howard Taft's article on woman suffrage in the Saturday Evening Post, was expressed in the suffrage camps here today.

Although many of the women regarded his announcements as a distinct suffrage victory, others looked askance at his "not yet but soon" attitude, and were inclined to regard him, despite his assertions, as an anti rather than a pro-suffragist.

"Mr. Taft is a conservative," said Miss Mary H. Ingham, vice president of the Equal Franchise Society, "and it is ever the habit of conservatives to put off any radical changes to some distant date, but he overlooked the fact that the women in the west are voting and that the women of the east who have not the ballot really have more need for it because our problems are older and vary much sooner."

"His whole argument for woman suffrage is good, and that is gratifying. Every reason that he gives is a good one, except, of course, the argument that the time is not ripe and that women need more time in which to educate themselves to vote intelligently."

YEAR TO GET READY "A boy who votes for the first time at the age of 16 does not give much serious consideration to the question until, let us say, his 20th year, or a year before his first participation in an election. We women of Pennsylvania, should we be gratified, physically, particularly along the election, would have a year in which to prepare ourselves. But the majority of us will not need it, because, in our anticipation of an ultimate victory, we have already familiarized ourselves with civic matters and political conditions."

"Then, too, the education of women is practically the same as that of men, but the women of this State who have taken such an active interest in civic affairs have a larger experience than the average voters."

Dr. Eleanor M. Helstead-Moore, of the Woman Suffrage Party, however, was inclined to view sarcastic over what she regards as the former president's spineless views.

"Straddling an issue," she said, "is always a precarious thing. The greater one's weight, physical or moral, the more difficult the attempt becomes."

"I doubt that former President Taft is either physically or morally equipped for such exercise, but we suffragists intend to take our seats in the grandstand and watch the performance with much interest."

ONE SUFFRAGIST AMUSED. Mrs. George A. Dunning, leader of the 4th Legislative District, expressed a amusement at what she called the former President's attitude, particularly in view of the women, anti and pro alike.

"I also take issue," she said, "with his statement that we women of America have not had the ballot for 125 years and have not suffered thereby. I contend that we have suffered, particularly along the lines of industry, and I do not regard Mr. Taft as pro-suffrage, if his arguments are carefully examined."

COLLIER PLYMOUTH LAUNCHED AT CAMDEN

Ship of Coastwise Transportation Company Will Be Unit of Large Fleet

The steamship Plymouth, of the Coastwise Transportation Company, was launched at the shipyard of the New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, shortly after 2 o'clock today.

Miss Ruth G. Crowley, daughter of Captain John G. Crowley, general manager of the line, sponsored the vessel and bestowed the name Plymouth upon it.

Miss Crowley broke the bottle of wine on the vessel's bow shortly after 2 o'clock, and at 2:15 the boat slid gracefully into the water.

A delegation of prominent citizens of Plymouth and Boston, Mass., witnessed the launching.

The Plymouth is the eighth of the coal-carrying fleet managed by the Coastwise Transportation Company that has been built by the New York Shipbuilding Company and will cost what fully equipped about \$250,000. In addition there are six other colliers of the same general type at present under construction, making a fleet of 14 colliers in all, of a total cargo carrying capacity of about \$4,000 long tons.

All of the machinery of the Plymouth is amidships. Arrangements for discharging her own cargo, which will be delivered at Mediterranean ports, have been installed. Unusually large bunkers have been fitted to enable the vessel to make the long voyage from Boston to the Mediterranean and return without coaling.

ONE-DAY OUTINGS

- From Market Street Wharf, Wildwood, Ocean City, Rehoboth Beach, Seaside, Ocean City, Avalon. Daily until September 12, inclusive. 7:30 A. M. daily, additional on Sundays. Atlantic City 7:30 A. M.; Wildwood Branch 8:45 A. M. \$1.25 Barnegat Pier, Bay Head, Point Pleasant, Manasquan. 7:30 A. M. Sundays until October 24, inc. \$1.50 Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, Long Branch, Belmar, Sea Girt. Sundays until October 25, inc. \$2.00 From Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, The Mountaintop City. 7:35 A. M. \$2.50 Washington, The Nation's Capital. 7:35 A. M. \$2.50 Sundays, September 19, October 5, 17, 31. \$2.50 In the Hudson, West Point and Newburgh. 7:05 A. M. Thursdays, September 16. \$2.50 New York. 7:45 A. M. Sundays, Sept. 19, Oct. 11. Pennsylvania R. R.